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**Via U.S. Mail**

Director, Office of Information Policy  
Attn: Freedom of Information Act Appeal  
United States Department of Justice  
1425 New York Avenue, NW  
Ste. 11050  
Washington, D.C. 20530

**RE: Freedom of Information Act Appeal (FOIA Request No. 2016-01340)**

Dear Director of OIP:

I submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the Bureau of Prisons on December 9, 2015 and requested an electronic copy of contract DJB200064 between the Bureau of Prisons and Correctional Alternatives, Inc. For ease of identification, my request included the solicitation number and the name of the contracting officer.

On December 10, 2015, I received the enclosed acknowledgement letter that assigned my request number 2016-01340, designated it as a "complex request," and estimated that it may take "up to nine months" to process. Since that time I have followed up multiple times both in writing and via phone. As of August 2016, BOP had not even received the requested contract from the contracting agency, and was unable to provide me with a timeline in which that would be done.

I believe that BOP's repeated failure to take action constitutes a denial of my request. In an effort to more expeditiously resolve my request without resorting to litigation, I am appealing this denial. I requested one copy of one contract and clearly identified it by contract number, solicitation number, and contracting officer, and it is difficult for me to understand why there has been no progress on my request after more than nine months have passed.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions or need any further information regarding my request, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at caroline@loevy.com or via phone at (312) 243-5900.

Sincerely,



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